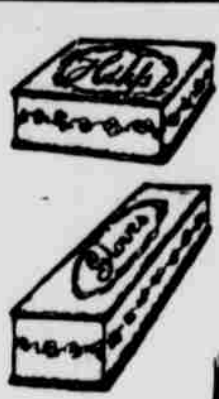


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## .. HEADQUARTERS .. .. For .. Santa Claus!!

Christmas is the one time of all the year when the spirit of giving comes into every heart. And then comes the question, where to go to find the largest stock from which to make the best selection. This is quickly answered. ORME.

He has one of the finest Drug Stores to be found in any Second-Class Postoffice town in Kentucky, and his beautiful stock is in accord with the surroundings. Every article has been carefully selected and is calculated to please you and, that his beautiful store is full of busy, anxious buyers every day, is evidence of its attractiveness. And in every instance everybody is well pleased with what they buy.

**JAS. H. ORME.**



**FIND SANTA CLAUS.**

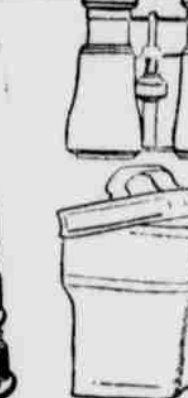
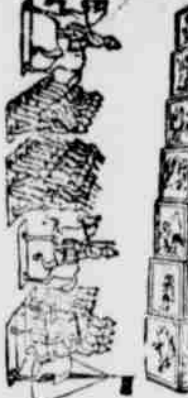
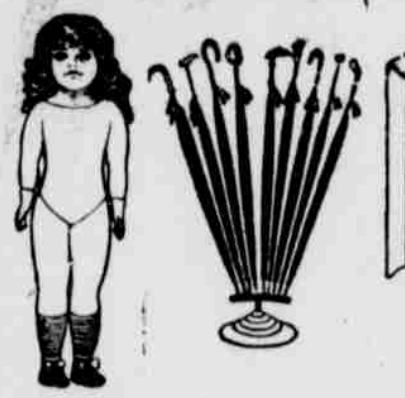
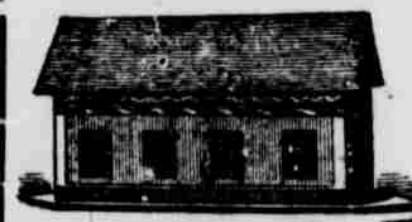
The whole center of his big store is filled with Books, of every description, from the cheapest to the most costly, from the pen of every known author in the world. You should see them.

His show cases, well filled with beautifully decorated Japanese wares, of every description and design and the numberless other articles of worth and beauty, makes it plain indeed why Santa Claus has made it his headquarters.

The largest and handsomest assortment of Teddy Bears ever brought to Marion.

Every thing in Toilet articles, Perfumes, Fine Soaps, Ornaments etc. If ORME has not got what you want for a beautiful Christmas gift, you simply can't be suited.

**JAS. H. ORME.**



### PROPOSED CREAMRY FOR MARION.

The J. E. Crider Creamry Company Propose to Start One If Proper Inducements Are Offered.

The J. E. Crider Creamry Company, of Fredonia, Ky., have expressed a willingness to start a creamry here if the farmers will contract to furnish them milk from five hundred cows. They have made a decided success of the project at Fredonia in so much that they are unable to keep pace with their orders.

If they should be encouraged by the people of Marion by the gift of a lot for their plant and exempt from taxation for a reasonable period, it will prove of untold value to Marion and the farmers of Crittenden county. This company proposes to pay the farmers for their milk in one cent of the price paid by Evansville, which after the expressage is paid, would mean a great deal more than Evansville prices.

This is not mere idle talk, but a business proposition coming straight from business men. They mean every word they have authorized us to say and if you desire to be further instructed call at the Record-Press office or see Eskew Bros.

Mrs. Charles T. Baker, who has been with friends in the city, left Monday for her home in Wabash, Arkansas.

### ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT WARNING CAME

The Explosion Which Wrecked the Mine and Converted It Into a Living Tomb

CLAY, Ky. Dec. 13.—After thirty hours' desperate struggle, the rescuing party searching the Baker mine at Clay for the bodies of the seven entombed miners, returned with them last night. The bodies were not disfigured and had not been reached by the fire. Indications are that the men were overcome by gas. They were found pretty far back in the workings, as if, after hearing the first explosion, the men had run in search of a place of safety. The rescue party was headed by T. J. Norwood, state mine inspector, and Thos. Long, a deputy. The inquest will be held to-day. The coffins were already at the mine and preparation had already been made for the funeral.

Just before the explosion eighty of the men had come out, it being Saturday and pay day, else the loss of life would have been terrible.

These mines, including several others at Wheatcroft and Sturgis, with offices at Sturgis and headquarters at New York, who have prided themselves on having the safest mines with fewest accidents,

In fact this is the first accident they have had, and it from causes unheard of in the history of the oldest experienced miner.

The explosion is the harder to account for from the fact that it occurred in No. 9, which is more than one hundred feet below the No. 11 vein, where the seven men met death, and having been abandoned, was full of water. It was in this flooded mine that this strange but fearful explosion took place.

The first thing wrong noticed at the top of the mine was in the boiler house when engineer Williams noticed that the engine was "creeping." He called to his fireman to shut the engine down. The fireman was unable to do anything with it and the engineer started over to help him, when the column of water shot out of the shaft and toppled over against their building. There was a tremor of the earth, a quivering of all the timbers of the shaft, the sound of rushing waters, and suddenly there appeared above the surface a mighty column of water, carrying its burden of timbers, coal and ordinary debris of a mine. Straight towards the sky shot the great column of water—up, up until more than a hundred feet it towered—towered for only the fraction of a second when it divided into two parts; one part falling over to the southwest, striking the boiler house, full sixty feet away, moving it from its foundation. The other

column spent its force in the opposite direction with less destructible property in its path. The water in its mad rush made a complete wreck of the mine.

The news of the fearful disaster was phoned Superintendent W. H. Cunningham's office at Sturgis and forth with he loaded up many things he knew would be needed and with a fearless crew boarded one of their big engines and in a very short time was at the scene of the disaster and foremost in the brave effort to save the men entombed. But they were doomed.

### Corset Training School.

Mrs. W. N. Rochester attended the Corset Training School at Henderson last week and is now better than ever, prepared to please her many customers. On her return home she was the guest of Mrs. A. L. Berry at Sturgis.

### Brown-Ford.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1909, about the hour of 2 p. m., Mr. James M. Ford and Miss Mary G. Brown accompanied by a few friends, drove to the residence of E. B. Blackburn of this city, and were united in marriage by Rev. U. G. Hughes.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the Oak Hill vicinity.

The bride is one of Crooked Creek's most charming young ladies. May this union be one of happiness and prosperity.

### NOTICE TO THE STEMMING DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

From W. R. Rankin, Member of The District Board For the County Of Crittenden.

The District Board of the Stemming District Tobacco Association has sold all of the Association's tobacco in Crittenden County to W. G. Head & Son, of Madisonville, Ky., to be delivered at the Jarvis factory in Marion, Kentucky.

In order to make this sale it was agreed that the purchasers of this tobacco should receive all tobacco already stripped in large hands, as stripped, but in regard to that part of the crop not already stripped, it was agreed that the same should be tied in medium sized hands, and it is necessary for good members to faithfully and cheerfully aid the District Board in carrying out the terms of the contract, and we think all good members will cheerfully abide by this provision of the terms of the sale.

Messrs. Head & Son will open their factory for the reception of tobacco on Tuesday, December 14th, and receive up to and including the 23rd, when the factory will be closed till January 4th, 1910, when it will again be opened to receive tobacco, and it is hoped that it will not again be necessary to close down till all the crop has been delivered.

Let us again urge good members to do all they can to deliver this crop in good condition and according to contract.

Respectfully,  
W. B. RANKIN,  
Member District Board Crittenden County.

### THE WOOL GROWERS OF EACH COUNTY

Are Requested To Meet In Their Respective County Seats On Saturday, December 18th.

The time for the annual wool clip is not over four months off. Heretofore, with the exception of a few local pools, we have sold our wool separately and have permitted three or four middle men to make each from one to three cents per pound from its sale, thereby, losing us not less than five cents per pound. There are from ten to fifteen million pounds of wool clipped annually in this State and if it were pooled and sold direct to the manufacturer it would cost him no more and save our farmers not less than a half million dollars annually.

To effect this saving we must have a well organized pool and to handle the 1910 wool crop we have no time to lose in perfecting this organization. It is proposed to organize the Kentucky Wool Growers Association under the laws of Kentucky which permit farmers to pool their crops and to be ready for business by the first day of January, 1910.

All wool growers are urgently invited to meet at the court house in

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